

REPORT ON AUGUST MEETING

At our last meeting on 06 August, our guest speaker was Mr Dan McNamara, who spoke on the township of Port Kembla. Instead of using our overhead projector, some 200 photographs were used which created great interest. These were mounted on styrene sheets and displayed around the room with some of the photos being more than 100 years old.

The talk covered Port Kembla generally from industry, harbour, beaches and the formation of the township. An informative discussion developed regarding the construction of the northern and eastern breakwaters and the quarries which supplied the rock, some of which weighed in excess of 50 tons.

Time was taken to talk about the supply of electricity to the township, starting with some supply coming from the ER&S Co until 1916. When the Port Kembla Power House was built adjacent to No 1 Jetty, this helped boost the supply to the local residents. More discussion on the introduction of the water supply, railway and post office ensued.

Although the night was wet and wild, a good number of members and public were present and appeared to enjoy themselves, almost as much as the speaker who was talking on his favourite subject.

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